

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the drawings were objected to for including reference numbers 195 and 608, which were not specified in the detailed description. Applicants have amended the paragraphs at page 10, lines 4-21 and page 20, lines 17-29 to correct an error in the reference numbers used in those paragraphs. By correcting these errors, reference numbers "195" and "608" are now in the detailed description. Applicants thank the Examiner for finding these errors.

The Office Action also objected to the title of the application. Applicants have adopted the Examiner's suggestion for a new title.

The Office Action also indicated that the Information Disclosure Statement filed on September 27, 2001 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) because it did not include a legible copy of each U.S. and foreign patent and each publication or portion thereof which caused it to be listed in the Information Disclosure Statement.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of a return postcard mailed with the Information Disclosure Statement indicating that there were 10 references attached to the Information Disclosure Statement. It appears that the articles that were mailed with the IDS were discarded during the scanning process. Attached herewith is a new Form-1449 listing the 7 references that were marked by the Examiner as not being provided with the earlier IDS. Also attached are additional copies of those 7 references.

Since Applicants had successfully provided those copies earlier and they appear to have been discarded in the USPTO mailroom, Applicants do not believe a fee is necessary for consideration of these references.

The Office Action objected to claim 14 but indicated that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form

and if the adjective "some" was changed to a more precise definition.

With the current Amendment, Applicants are amending claim 1 to include the limitations of claims 12-14 thereby rewriting claim 14 in independent form. In amending claim 1, the reference to "at least some of the boundary conditions" has been converted to "at least one of the boundary conditions."

Claims 12-14 have been cancelled as have claims 19-32.

Based on the cancellation of claims 12-14, claims 15 and 17 have been amended so that they depend from claim 1 instead of claim 12.

In light of the indication in the Office Action that claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, claim 1 is in form for allowance as are claims 2-11 and 15-18, which depend therefrom. Since all of the other claims in the application have been cancelled, the application is in form for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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